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HEALTH MATTERS

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1. MEETING BETWEEN US DELEGATE DR. JOHN BRYANT AND PRC
DELEGATE DR. HSUEH KUNG-CHO (DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN PRC MINISTRY OF HEALTH) TODK PLACE
MAY 17, ARRANGED BY DR. WEN-CHIEH CH'EN, ASST DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF WHO (REFTEL). BRYANT SAID HE HAD BEEN MEMBER
OF US DELEGATION TO PRC IN MAY-JUNE 1977 ARRANGED BY
COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION (CSC). DELEGATION
HAD TRIED AND FAILED TO NEGOTIATE EXTENSION AND BROADEN-
ING OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES BEYOND
PRESENT ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS LIMITED TO VISITS BY
DELEGATIONS FOR PERIODS OF ABOUT 3 WEEKS. HSUEH
COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROCEED WITH
BROADENING THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM UNTIL DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS ARE NORMALIZED.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO BRYANT SUGGESTION THAT IT MIGHT BE
WORTHWHILE MAKING MODEST IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PRESENT
ARRANGEMENTS PENDING SUCH NORMALIZATION, HSUEH ASKED FOR
EXAMPLES. BRYANT SUGGESTED THREE (ALL USED DURING CSC
VISIT TO PEKING LAST YEAR): A) VISITS OF INDIVIDUALS
OR SMALL GROUPS OF SCIENTISTS TO INSTITUTIONS IN THE
OTHER COUNTRY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS TO A YEAR, IN ORDER TO

PROVIDE FOR GREATER DEPTH OF SHARING OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND CONCEPTS; B) COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS BETWEEN US AND PRC INSTITUTIONS OR INVESTIGATORS (AS FOR EXAMPLE, BETWEEN TSING TAO OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE AND THE SCRIPPS OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE IN LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA); AND C) STUDIES BY GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE OTHER COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY IN LANGUAGE STUDIES, FOR PERIODS OF ONE OR TWO YEARS.

3. DR. HSUEH COMMENTED THAT SUGGESTIONS WERE INTERESTING, BUT THAT ONE MINISTRY (HEALTH) COULD NOT ACT ALONE IN THIS MATTER. SAID HE WOULD REPORT THESE SUGGESTIONS TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

4. FYI: PRIOR TO MEETING WITH DR. HSUEH BRYANT HAD CONFIRMED BY TELEPHONE WITH CSC EXECUTIVE MARY BULLOCK THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC ON THIS SUBJECT HAD NOT PROGRESSED AND THAT CSC WELCOMED FURTHER EXPLORATION AT WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY. VANDEN HEUVEL

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